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SUBJ: STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS ANNOUNCED BY
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THE MELBOURNE "AGE" ONLY, EDITORIALISED ON STRATEGIC
ARMS LIMITATIONS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT FORD - "AGE"
EDITORIAL SAYS:

'FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE IS THE CHANCE OF A CEILING BEING
BUILT OVER THE WEAPONS' STOCKPILE. THERE IS THE CHANCE THAT,
IF THE 10-YEAR S.A.L.T.11 AGREEMENT IS SIGNED AT THE
PROPOSED WASHINGTON SUMMIT NEXT YEAR, THE TWO NATIONS WILL
BEGIN NEGOTIATING BY 1981 A FOLLOW-UP TREATY WHICH COULD
LEAD TO AN ACTUAL REDUCTION IN THE STOCKPILES.'

"AGE" GOES ON TO SAY THAT NO LIMITATION HAS BEEN PUT ON
NUMBERS OF WARHEADS USED IN MIRVS AND THAT SOVIETS CAN PUT
MORE MEGATONS IN THE AIR. STILL U.S. HAS AN EDGE IN
SOPHISTICATION AND CEILING IS A REDUCTION IN NUMBERS OF
MISSILES SOVIETS WOULD HAVE PRODUCED AND U.S. AT THIS STAGE
WILL NOT GO INTO WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT HINTED AT BY SEC.
KISSINGER, ANY SYSTEMS MORE POWERFUL THAN MIRV DIFFICULT
TO ENVISAGE AND WOULD BE A DOOMSDAY WEAPON INDEED.

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